

claim for Rs. 2,04, 83,318. The claim has been returned to the Administration for correcting certain discrepancies. Eligible claims will be reimbursed on receipt of the clarifications from the Union Territory Administration.

**Eighth Plan Draft for Autonomous Districts Council of Assam**

**4443. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI:** Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Autonomous District Council of Tripura was allowed to prepare the draft Eighth Five Year Plan for their area;

(b) whether similar steps were taken in the case of Karbi; Anglong and North Cachar Hill Autonomous District Councils of Assam by allowing them to prepare the draft Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government propose to allow the Autonomous District Councils of Assam to prepare their respective draft Eighth Five Year Plan?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)** (a) and (b). Their Plans are already included in the Draft Eighth Five Year Plans submitted by the State Governments to the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**VCR/VCP Project in Orissa**

**4444 SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has sent any proposal to the a Union Gov-

ernment to consider the setting up of VCR/VCP project in collaboration with Konark TV and Orissa State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):** (a) to (d). The Government of Orissa vide communication dated January 23, 1989 approached the Central Government regarding setting up of the VCR/VCP manufacturing Project by Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) – (a public sector undertaking under the Department of Electronics) in Orissa. The proposal of ET&T for setting up of VCR/VCP manufacturing project has not been approved by the Government.

**Foreign Matter in Rice, Sugar etc.**

**4445. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is statutory sanction for the existence of foreign matter in rice, sugar, paddy and spices etc.; if so, the percentage thereof;

(b) whether taking advantage of this traders are mixing stones and other like material in consumable articles; and

(c) whether the Government propose to prohibit the existence of foreign matter in those items by declaring that such acts of deliberate mixing would be an offence?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND**

**PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED):** (a) A maximum limit of foreign matter including stones and other like material has been laid down in the standards of rice, sugar, paddy and spices under the PFA Rules, 1955. These are as follows:

- (i) Rice – Not more than 3 percent by wt., out of which inorganic matter such as stone and other like material shall not exceed 1.0% by weight.
- (ii) Sugar – Not more than 0.1% by weight.
- (iii) Paddy – Not more than 6.0% by weight out of which inorganic matter such as stone and like material shall not exceed 1.0% by weight.
- (iv) Spices – The maximum limit of foreign matter is in the range of 2.0% to 8.0% by weight depending on nature of each spice.

(b) and (c). Sale of food articles containing foreign matter exceeding the prescribed limit is a punishable offence under the provisions of PFA Act, 1954. The Food/Health Authorities of States/U.Ts. have been urged upon time and again to keep a strict vigil on quality of food stuff at manufactures/wholesalers and retailers levels.

#### **Price of Molasses**

**4446. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big difference in prices of Molasses in the regulated and in the open market as a result of which the cooperative sugar factories are incurring losses;

(b) if so, whether the Government pro-

pose to allow the sugar factories to dispose of their molasses in open market;

(c) if so, the time by when it is likely to be done?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN):** (a) The prices of molasses are governed by Molasses Control Order, 1961. No cases of violations of the provisions of the Control Order have come to the notice of the Government in the recent past.

(b) and (c). Do not anse.

#### **Small Industries in States**

**4447. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount proposed to be invested for establishing medium and large scale industries in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the current year and during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent on setting up of small village industries in the State during th same period?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN):** (a) and (b). The Planning Commission provides Central assistance to the States in the form of block loans and grants to finance their Annual Plans which also includes allocation for industries. The Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) has not yet been finalised. However, in the Annual Plan of Madhya Pradesh for 1991-92 the Planning Commission have approved an outlay of Rs. 360.00 lakhs for medium and large industries and Rs. 5322.00 lakhs for village and small industries.